Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel Paul K. Mikeal, Major Joseph "Joe" McCormick, Major Ryan S. David, Chief Master Sergeant Andrew M. Huneycutt, Senior Master Sergeant Robert "Robbie" S. Cannon, and Master Sergeant Joshua R. Marlowe; members of the North Carolina Air National Guard's 145th Air Wing devoted their lives to protect the citizens of this great country; and,

Whereas, Four of the crew members were killed and two members were seriously injured when their C-130 MAFFS air tanker crashed near Edgemont, South Dakota, on July 1, 2012, while fighting the White Draw Fire in the Southern Black Hills of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, These proud and highly-skilled airmen knew the risk and reward of completing their mission and yet rose to the call of duty to perform wildfire suppression missions and personified the necessary attributes of an airman through honor, courage, and sacrifice; and,

Whereas, Colleagues, family, and friends will gather in the Black Hills of South Dakota, on July 1, 2013, to honor Lieutenant Colonel Mikeal, Major McCormick, Major David, Chief Master Sergeant Huneycutt, Senior Master Sergeant Cannon, and Master Sergeant Marlowe; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the committed service of these special airmen who shall forever serve as a shining example to all military personnel:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 1, 2013, as

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in South Dakota, and I join their families, friends, and colleagues in this special day of remembrance and dedication.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State